

REMARKS

The amendments to claims 28 and 30 are to change the preamble of these claims. Claims 29, 31, 32, and 47-49 have been amended to bring these claims into conformity with the language of their respective base claims. Claims 32, 48, and 49 have also been amended to clarify what Applicants regard as the invention. The amendments to claims 34, 35, and 38-43 are to change claim dependencies. No new matter has been added.

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 28-32 and 47-49 of Group I drawn to a marker system. New claims 51 and 52 depend from claims 28 and 30, respectively, and therefore, also belong to Group I. Because new claim 53 is also directed to a marker system, Applicants submit that new claim 53 and its dependent claims 34, 35, 38-45, and 54 also belong to Group I, and respectfully request examination of claims 28-32, 34, 35, 38-45, 47-49, and 51-54, which are pending.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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